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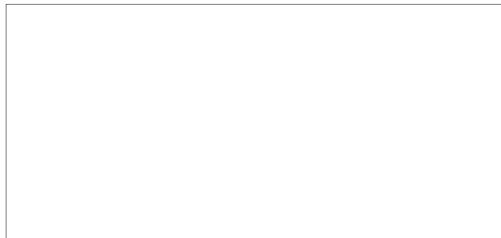
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1. In May 1955, there were two prisons in P'yongyang; one for political prisoners and the other for general criminals. The political prison was in Yonhwa-dong near the P'yongyang railroad station, and the general prison was in Ch'anggwang-dong. Both prisons were administered by the Bureau of Penal Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (Mae mu song kyo hwa kuk - 0355/0523/4164/2403/0553/1444).
2. Political prisoners were not allowed any visitors and could not have their sentences reduced except in very rare circumstances. General prisoners were allowed visitors once a month from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; they could have their sentences reduced one day for every three days served if they worked diligently.
3. Prisoners usually wore purple shirts; the guards wore khaki uniforms and carried rifles. Many prisoners were assigned to reconstruction projects and performed work commensurate with their professional skills. The prisoners' daily food ration amounted to 700 grams, half of which was beans. They were also given a coarse side dish.



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